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Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Indiana (PA) 1970; Gonzaga 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Term Expires: 2007

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Law Clerk The Honorable Justin L. Quackenbush, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1980-1983)

**Government:** Civil Rights Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1984-1985); Complex Litigation Staff Attorney, Eastern District of Washington (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Perkins Coie (1990-1991); Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis (1988-1990)

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**Michael W. Leavitt**

Magistrate Judge

Term Expires: February 1, 2012

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**Patricia C. Williams**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Gonzaga JD  
Began Service: July 14, 1997  
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**Frank L. Kurtz**

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Date of Birth: 1946  
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**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

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**John A. Rossmeissl**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD  
Began Service: 1987

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**United States District Court for the Western District of Washington**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 8

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom

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**Robert S. Lasnik**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA; U Washington 1978 JD  
Began Service: December 2, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer, University of Washington School of Law (1980)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1983-1990)

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

**Current Memberships:** Washington State Bar Association

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**John C. Coughenour**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Kansas State 1963 BS; Iowa 1966 JD  
Began Service: 1981  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Washington (1970-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Bogle & Gates (1966-1970); Bogle & Gates (1971-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association; Washington State Bar

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**Barbara Jacobs Rothstein**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB  
Began Service: February 20, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Director, Federal Judicial Center

**Academic:** Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington (1969-1977)

**Judicial:** Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (1987-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; American Trial Lawyers Association; Massachusetts State Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Seattle-King County Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Marsha Jean Pechman**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD  
Began Service: October 4, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor/Staff Attorney, University of Washington School of Law (1979-1981); Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston Legal Services (1975-1976); Adjunct Faculty, University of Washington School of Law (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law (1986-1987)

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